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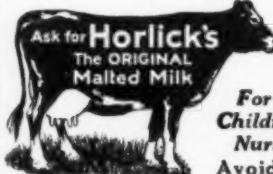
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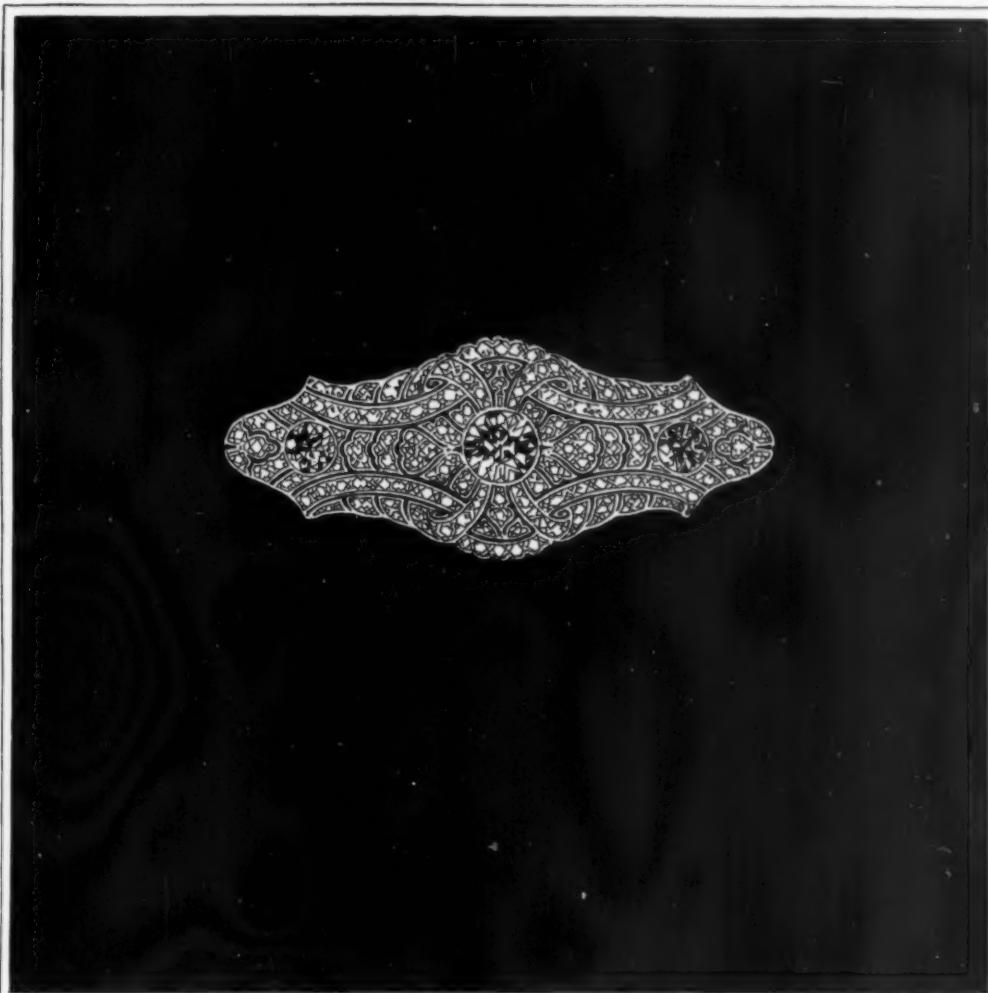
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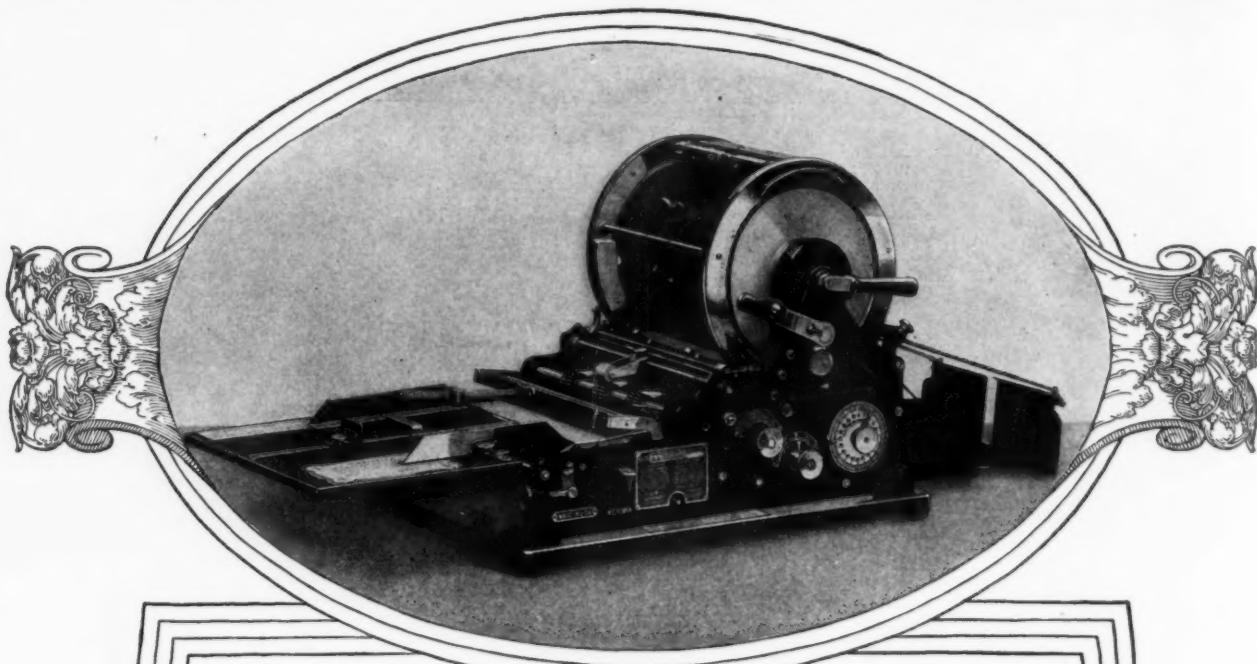


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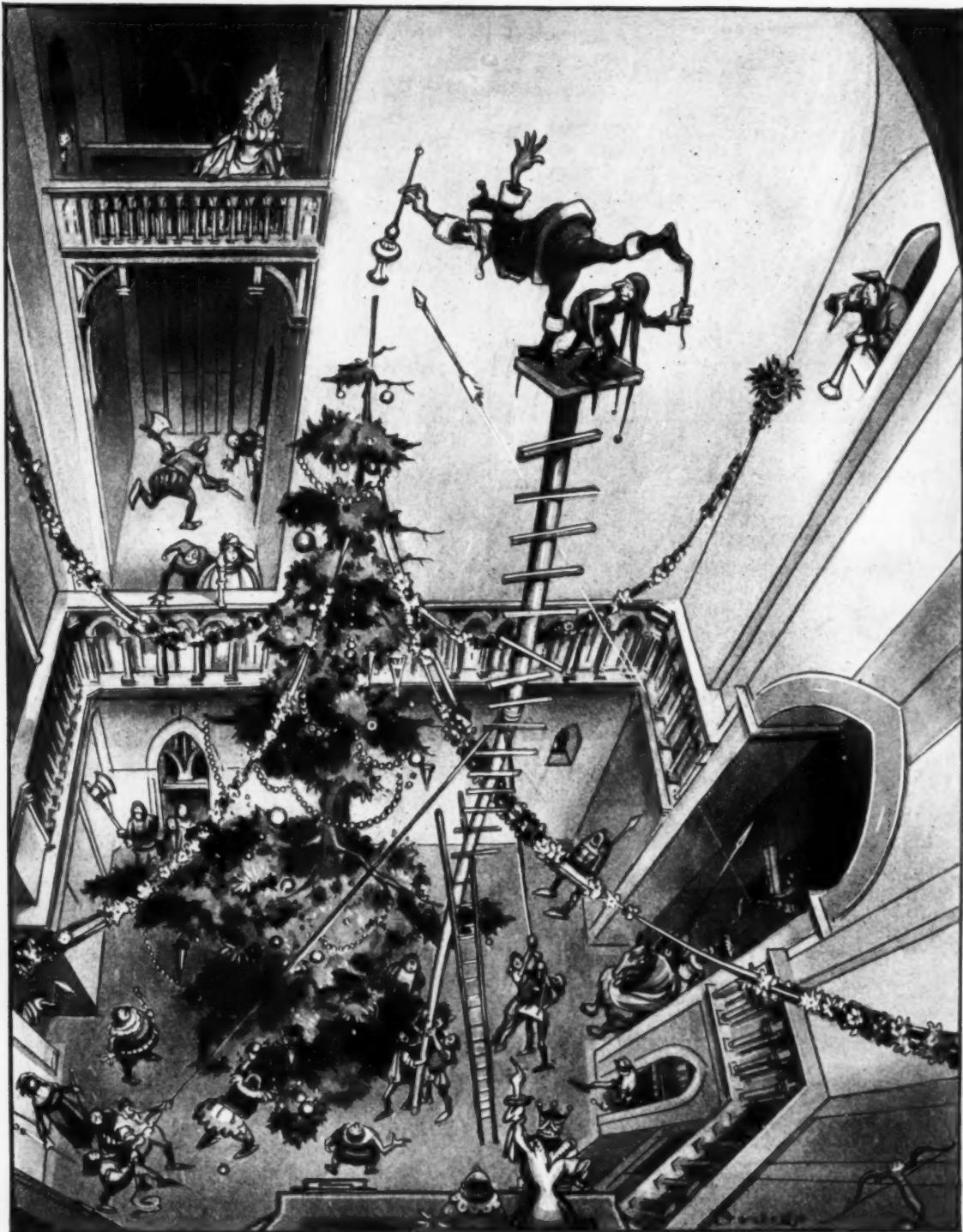
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"I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET—SANTA CLAUS IS COMING."

"HOW JOLLY! AND IS HE TRAVELING INCOG.?"



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IN YE GOODE OLDE DAYES

"ATTABOYE, PAPA!"



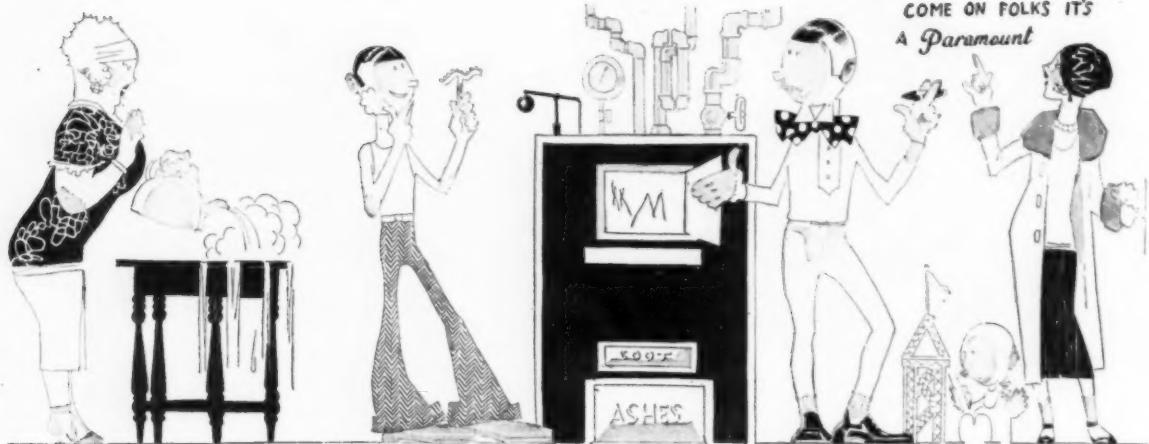
Passenger: WAS THAT THE TRAIN WHISTLING?

Country Ticket Agent: HARD TO TELL, MISTER. I WAS DOIN' A BIT OF WHISTLIN' MYSELF.



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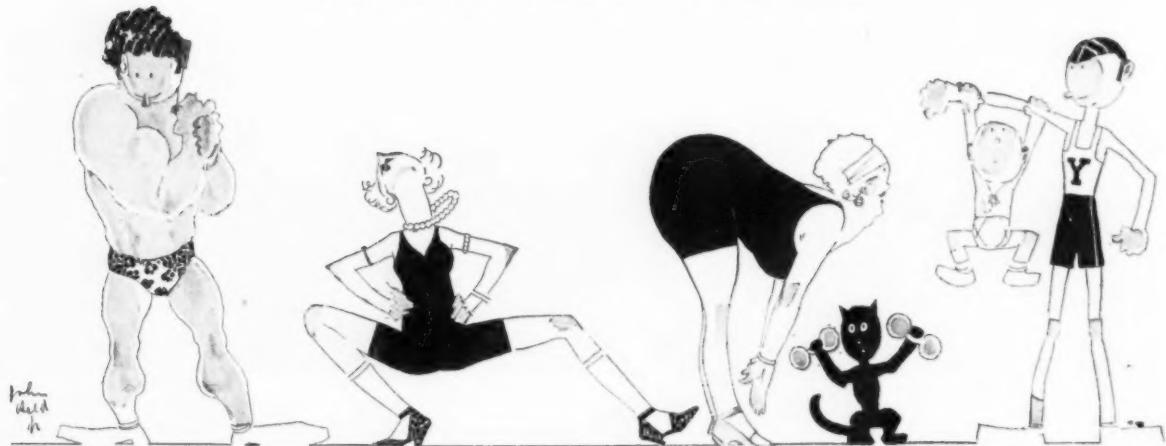
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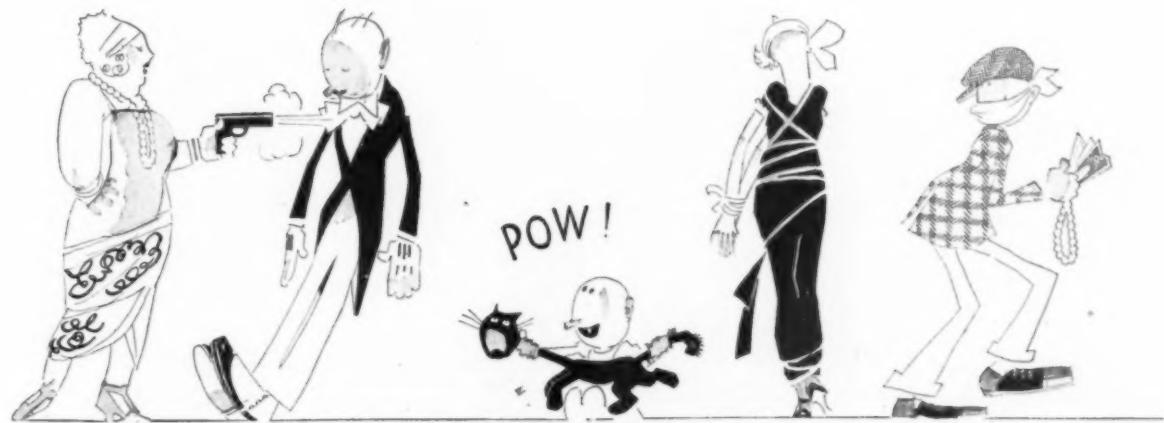
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The Adventure of Shoab

By Marc Connelly

SHOAB'S master was angry, for the boy had forgotten that the water for the camels lay in the south well.

"You are a fool," said his master, as he slapped his cheeks. He did not slap heavily, as Shoab was only nine years old and was, of course, excited by the presence of the other travelers who had joined them at midnight. "When there are two wells, remember which is for the men. You must get used to traveling."

"I am sorry," said Shoab. Then he began to cry.

His master did not hear him crying, for he had rejoined the group about the fire. The man who had come from Hira mountain was talking to the man who had last joined the caravan.

"I was asleep beneath a palm when its light wakened me," he said. "It burned so strongly I thought the fronds of the tree were afire. Then my eyes gradually grew accustomed to it and I saw it was really a star. That was two nights ago," he added.

"I had been restless and sick," said Shoab's master, "and had gone to the river near my house to bathe. I first saw it reflected in the water. I was alarmed, as that river was never enchanted. My grandmother had once seen water burn and I thought it might be similar magic. The stream was troubled slightly when it first appeared, but in a few moments it grew placid again. Then I saw it was a reflection. When it began to move my wonder grew and I decided to follow. Every one was frightened and none would come with me except my camel boy, who is too stupid to be frightened. That was last night."

"I saw it first to-night," said the tall man who had joined them an hour before. "I am a shepherd, and I was out in the fields. The sun had just set, when suddenly the brilliance of midday flamed in the sky. 'This cannot be,' I told myself, and even as I stood there in confusion the glow about me softened and rose. I looked up and saw it was the star. And now it is gone."

"And now it is gone," echoed the others. They gazed silently at that part of the sky in which the star had marched such a short time before. The wonder of its disappearance seemed to have communicated itself to the whole camp. The animals, packed and saddled for a resumption of the journey, were making no sounds. Even the hum of the wind from across the sand had dropped to the softest murmur—a murmur so gentle that it barely covered the only sound that came from the darkened camp, that of a little boy sniffling.

"There were no clouds last night,

either," said Shoab's master at last. "Yet, as I told you, it disappeared for a little while. I remember now it was when I turned my back to it, to urge my camel boy to hasten. It did not show itself again until I noticed he was falling asleep. He is not used to traveling."

He had hardly spoken when there was a great excitement in the sky, and out of a confusion of light the star again appeared, and slowly began moving westward. Instantly the camp was aroused. Shoab's master went to his own quarters. He found Shoab asleep beside Chek, the camel, whose right forehoof had been troubling him during the journey. Shoab's master wakened him gently, for he was touched by the tears still wet on the boy's cheeks. "He is only a little boy," thought Shoab's master.

The next night saw a similar mystery in the heavens. The caravan had been moving as the star moved and the night was cold. A donkey belonging to the man from Hira mountain had broken

its leg. As the animal was abandoned Shoab had thrown a piece of old cloth over it, with the idea that its suffering might not be added to by the wind.

Just before dawn, when the star halted and the travelers prepared to rest, Shoab's master discovered the loss.

"It was a piece I might have sold if we reach a city," said his master, as he slapped the boy. And the star disappeared from the sky, until sleep had again stopped Shoab's tears.

The next night the journey ended at Bethlehem.

"It was a fine trip," said Shoab to his playmate when Shoab and

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"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL . . ."



The Blushing Bride: IF I—AH—GAVE YOU THE SIZE, WOULD YOU LOOK AT
SOME UNDERWEAR FOR MY HUSBAND?



Ethel: HOW OLD WOULD YOU SAY SHE IS?
Edith: I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA—I'VE NEVER SEEN HER DRESSING-TABLE.



CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS



"MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. BUNTY! I'M THE BOY WHAT DON'T RATTLE YER GATE NO MORE."



"YA ONLY COME DOWN TO DA OFFICE AROUND CHRISTMAS—YOU WOMEN IS ALL ALIKE!"



"MERRY CHRISTMAS, POP!"



"MAMA, HERE'S A PEDDLER, D'YA WANT ANYTHING?"



"NO WONDER HE DIDN'T FALL FOR THE SANTY CLAUS STUFF, YA DIDN'T CRY LIKE YA YOUSTA DID."

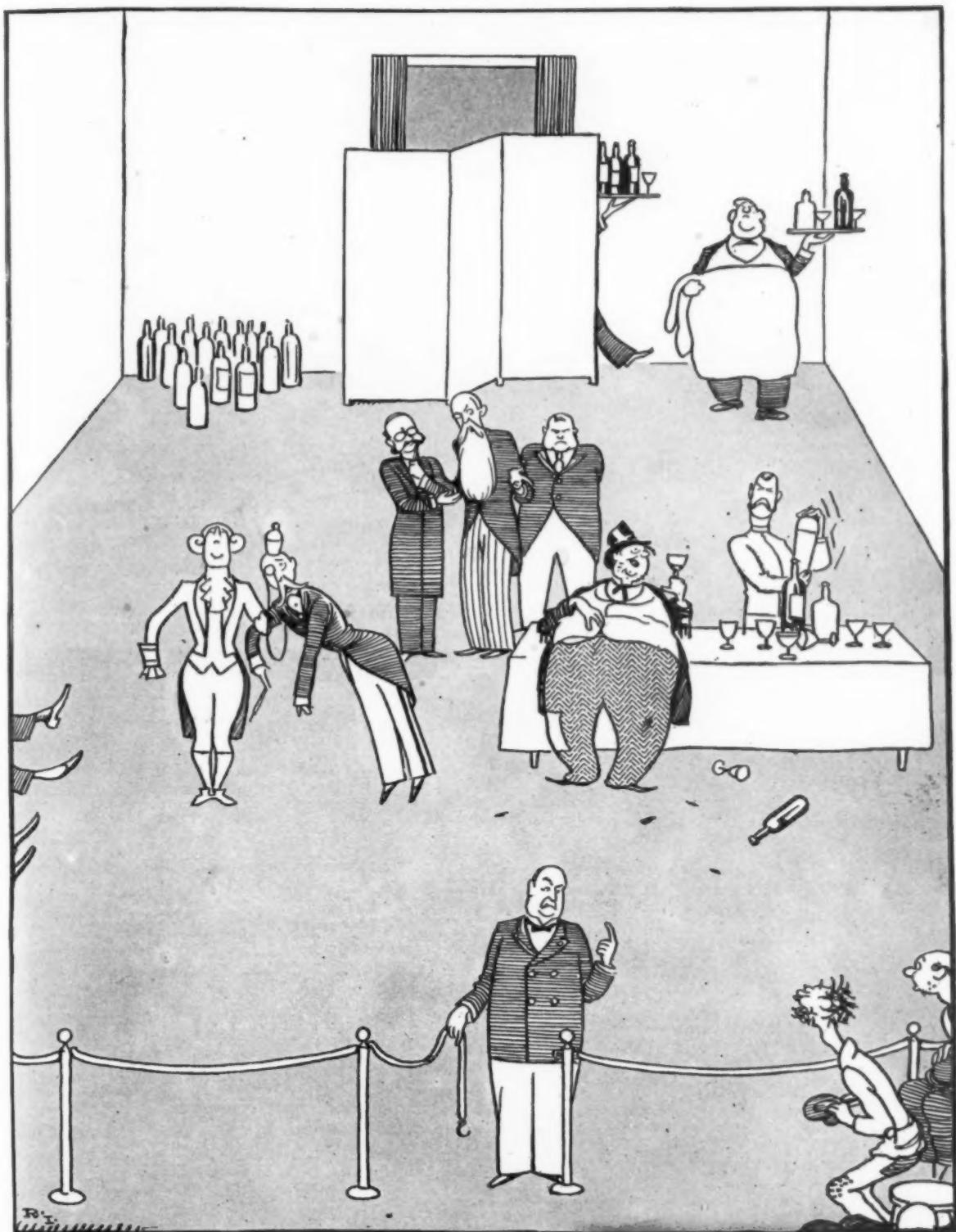
"WHY YOUSANT I?"

"YOU AIN'T YOUSANT, THAT'S ALL, 'N' WOT'S FOIDERMORE, I'LL CLOSE THE ACT IN YA FACE IF YA EVER TRY TO YOUSANT WID ME."



"MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. GOLDSTEIN!"

"VELL, VY NOT?"



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"GEE, FELLAHS! THAT'S A TOUGH GUY! HE SAYS THERE'S NO SANTA CLAUS!"



"TOUGH, DID YOU SAY? AND NO SANTA CLAUS? OH, BOY!"

THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK

My Happiest Christmas

By
Donald Ogden Stewart

Eleanor (Mrs. W. H.) Carrington—Cincinnati, O.

MY happiest Christmas was spent on the top of Mont Blanc. All my children were home from school and college and we were all together for the first time in many months except Tom, my second boy, who was in America on some railroad business. The top of Mont Blanc was covered with snow that year, which pleased the children very much. "Santa can come," they cried and indeed he did come, bringing us all something—"just what we wanted" in every case. Billy, my youngest, got a new .44 revolver and any number of bullets which he and Susan shot off all day except in the dining-room, I remember. My husband got several new neckties and a lap rug for the Ford. All in all, it was our happiest Christmas.

Mr. Samuel Ellis—Galion, O.

My happiest Christmas? Bless your heart, I've had so many happy Christmases. They are all just like bright jewels in my memory. First, there was the winter my brother Ed broke his leg and had to be carried four miles in a raging blizzard to have it set. I shall never forget how grateful we were that it didn't happen on Christmas Day. It made us all the merrier. And then there was the Christmas the barn burned down. It's mighty hard to say which was my happiest Christmas. All of them, I guess.

Mr. Lester Franklin—Brooklyn, N. Y.

My happiest Christmas was spent in Sing Sing prison where I was doing "time" for petit larceny—or maybe it was the winter I blew that safe at Hartford. I think my memory is getting worse instead of better as I grow older. The other day I tried for almost an hour to remember the name of my teacher back in the second year of high school and couldn't. I think it was Miss Roberts, except that Miss Roberts never used to eat her lunch with the rest of the second-year teachers. Maybe it was Miss Walker.

Mrs. Gertrude Wallace—San Francisco, Cal.

I think my very happiest Christmas was spent in Sacramento on a fruit farm. We had never had snow there for Christmas and we didn't have any that year, either. But we had something better. We had Aunt Katherine, who had come all the way from Los Angeles. She died the next year and I shall never get over the feeling I have that we should have let her light more of the candles on the tree.

"No Funds"

BROCK: How do you know Grisley has finished his Christmas shopping?

CROCKER: I work in the bank where he kept his account.

THREE was a falling off of \$11,000,000 in the soft drink consumption last year. The trouble is that the bartenders always think you're kidding.



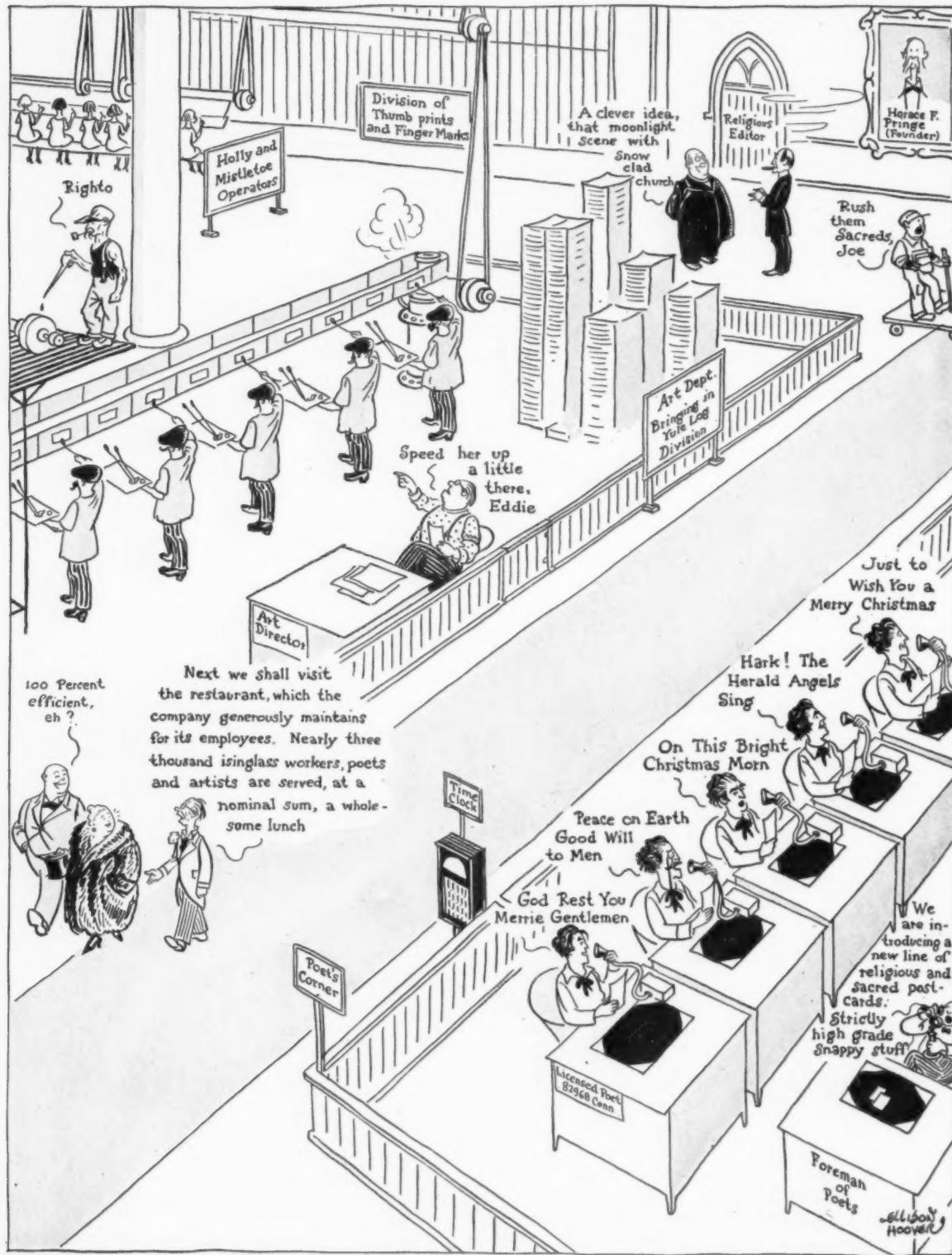
THE STEEPLEJACK'S CHILD HANGS UP HIS STOCKING



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"WHAT FO' YUH CARRY A WATCH DAT WON'T RUN NOHOW?"
"DAT'S FO' LEISURE, FELLAH—LEISURE."

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HARRISON CADY

Lady Bug: THERE, HENRY—LOOK AT THE HOLES! I TOLD YOU WE OUGHT TO HAVE PUT MOTH-BALLS IN THE FEET OF THOSE SOCKS!



HARRISON CADY

Old Santa Claus Frog: BLOB DING IT! THIS IS TERRIBLE! HERE I'VE GOT TO FILL THE STOCKINGS OF THOSE TURTLE BABIES AND I'VE GONE AND FORGOTTEN MY ICE PICK!

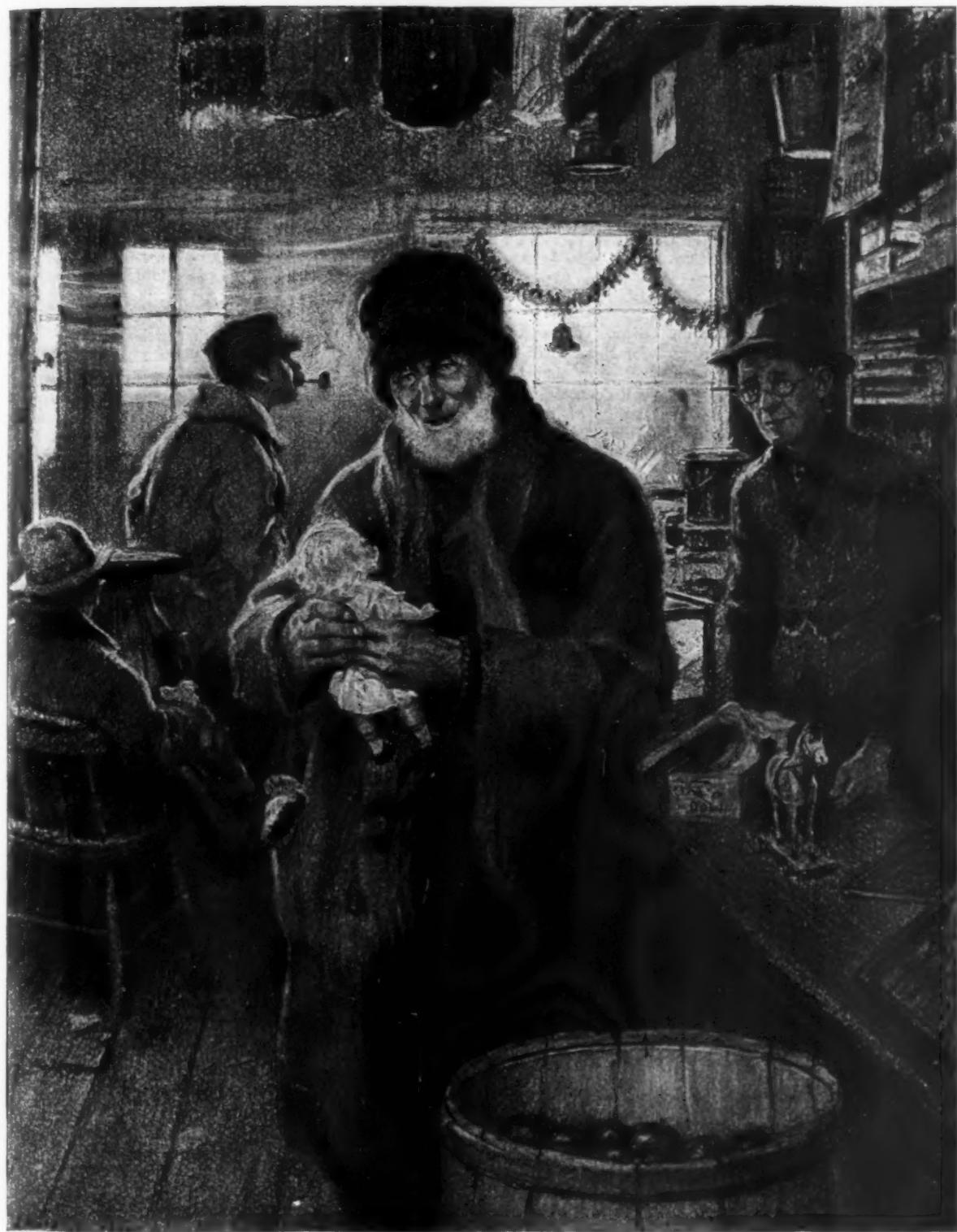


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Voice Within: AND NOW, MY DEAR CHILDREN, BE PATIENT, BECAUSE SANTA CLAUS IS ABOUT TO COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY—I JUST HEARD THE SLEIGH-BELLS.

The Ambuscade: AT HIM, FELLERS! WE'LL SHOW HIM WHO WUZN'T INVITED!

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THE FOUNDLING
"BY GOLLY, IT OPENS AND SHETS ITS EYES, DON'T IT?"



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PEACE on Earth, Good Will among Men is as usual much in request in this world at this time. Somehow we have got to have it: that is a conviction very widely diffused. Unless there is sufficient good will among men to enable them to work together to their own advantage, the necessary reorganization after the Great War can hardly be accomplished.

We must think as well of one another as possible. We must avoid suspicion, jealousy, competitions that are too harsh. People can fight about anything: the facts do not make so much difference as the spirit in which they are regarded. The great cause of wars and the lesser contentions is fear. If people are sufficiently frightened and see no cure for their fears but war, they will prepare for war and accustom their minds to the idea that it has to come. They may be frightened at bogies; usually they are, and their fears of course generate fear in the minds of the people they are afraid of. Small nations are afraid of great ones; great nations are afraid of one another. The Ku Klux represents a fear of Catholics and Jews and is met by counter apprehensions. Henry Ford and the farmers are afraid of Wall Street and the money-power; Wall Street reciprocates, and so it goes.

So, of course, we ought to think generously of one another and be content to let our neighbors go their own gait so far as possible. And yet it will not do for us to become flabby. If we have convictions, we must stand by them. If we have rights, the defense of which seems to us necessary to human welfare and progress, we must defend

them. We cannot let everything slide for the sake of peace, for peace does not grow that way. Peace and good will do not grow in this world out of neglect of honor and suppression of truth. Those words were part of the announcement of the coming to earth of the greatest of all the radicals, a spirit whose errand was to change the conception of life and its meaning in the minds of men; to declare the importance of things that had been despised, and the comparative unimportance of things that had been honored. The announcement of peace and good will was part of a great message of new truth to humanity. There was no expectation, apparently, that humanity would accept the message easily. Certainly it did not, and has not accepted it yet, but it has made progress. The great hope of the world now is the discovery of truth and its free diffusion. That is far more important to it than successful business. If business succeeds by the suppression of truth it is riding to a fall. If it succeeds by the diffusion of truth it is on a sound basis.

So it is with religion. Any sect or religious organization that ties up its adherents to declarations that have ceased to express truth is unsound to that extent and will break down in that particular.



ONCE there was a publisher who was trying to establish his business in the face of difficulties. He published a book of Historical Information for

Young People. Presently he got a letter from a high officer of a great corporation. The letter said: "Your book of Information for Young Minds contains a notice of Mr. So-and-So, formerly a high officer of this concern, which meets with our serious disapproval. The circulation of that book is not good for our business, the importance of which you must be well aware of. We think its continued circulation will not be good for your business, either, and suggest that you withdraw it from publication." The publisher was not ready for a fight. He wanted peace and a chance to do business and sell books, so he accepted the suggestion of the great corporation and ceased to publish that book.

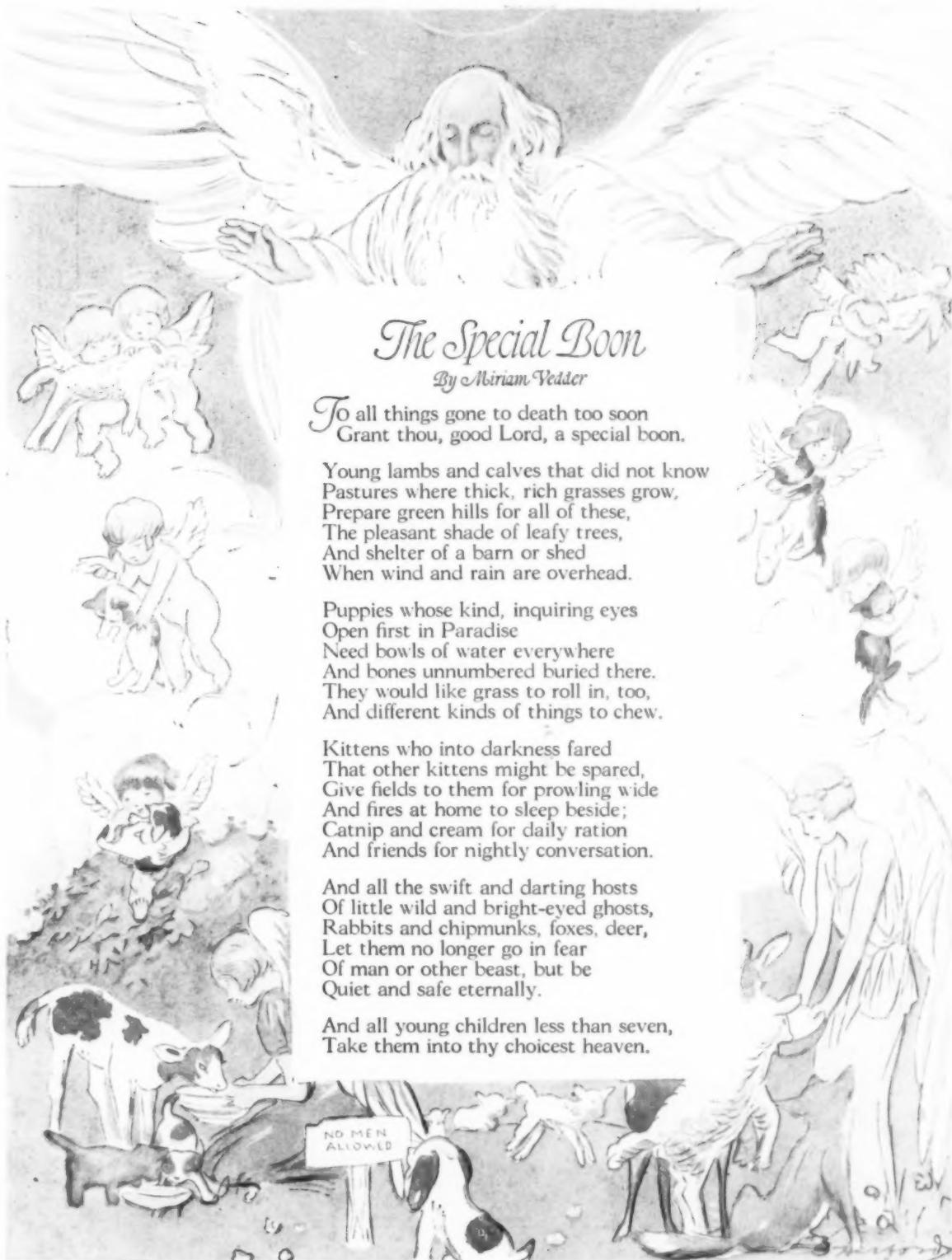
Do you think that that incident made for peace and good will? It was one means of avoiding a row and to that extent it succeeded, but it illustrates the danger to which our world is constantly exposed—the suppression of truth in the interest of temporary advantage; in the interest, that is, of Business.



THE great concern of our time is to keep an open road for truth, for therein lies the world's best hope of salvation. Only by the diffusion of truth—of knowledge, of understanding—can peace and good will conquer selfishness and hate, and make this world a fit abode for men. The test of every phase of religion, of the work of every sect, is its fruits—the kind of people it helps to produce and their characters and conduct. The test of business is the same. If its results increase human happiness, broaden opportunity, make for better life not merely for the few but for the many, then it is good business. If it takes from the many to give to the few, then it is not really helping mankind.

Mankind has not yet come to its own. It is still undergoing a great evolutionary process. The greatest factor in its development is the exercise of free-will. If it is to reach the stars it must reach them of its own volition and by its own efforts. There is no other way. Mankind can be shown the path to Paradise, but it can not be herded into it. It must learn the way and follow it. *E. S. Martin.*

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The Special Boon

By Miriam Vedder

To all things gone to death too soon
Grant thou, good Lord, a special boon.

Young lambs and calves that did not know
Pastures where thick, rich grasses grow,
Prepare green hills for all of these,
The pleasant shade of leafy trees,
And shelter of a barn or shed
When wind and rain are overhead.

Puppies whose kind, inquiring eyes
Open first in Paradise
Need bowls of water everywhere
And bones unnumbered buried there.
They would like grass to roll in, too,
And different kinds of things to chew.

Kittens who into darkness fared
That other kittens might be spared,
Give fields to them for prowling wide
And fires at home to sleep beside;
Catnip and cream for daily ration
And friends for nightly conversation.

And all the swift and darting hosts
Of little wild and bright-eyed ghosts,
Rabbits and chipmunks, foxes, deer,
Let them no longer go in fear
Of man or other beast, but be
Quiet and safe eternally.

And all young children less than seven,
Take them into thy choicest heaven.



The Annual Fan
(Dinner Is Already For

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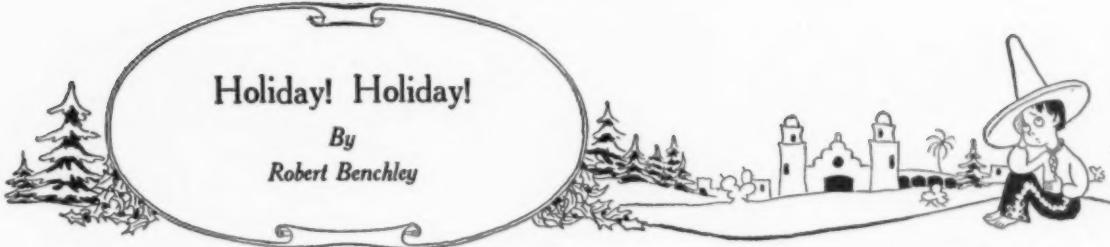
Family Reunion
(already Forty Minutes Late)



"GIVE ME CHRISTMAS EVE IN CITY HALL PARK ANY DAY."
"YOU BETCHA! 'N' BESIDES, IT'S MUCH HEALTHIER."

Holiday! Holiday!

By
Robert Benchley



THE hot sun beat down on the Plaza. Little Miguel O'Rourke felt terrible. Those *huijos!* That old *caballerizo!* He should never have touched them. They were not meant for little boys five years old. But on the night before the Feast of the Seven Mittens one must do something, even if it is only to kill one's uncle and throw his legs away. August was the month of the Feast of the Seven Mittens, and August is the month of love the world over.

Suddenly Miguel was awakened by a rough shout, and looking behind him he saw a lumberjack who had evidently lost his way. The poor thing was so frightened that he was darting back and forth, not knowing whether he was afoot, horseback, or good red herring. Lumberjacks usually live in Maine, you know, and here it was nearly half-past eight.

"Where are you going, Doctor Melcher?" asked Miguel. Miguel always called strangers "Doctor Melcher" because it was Doctor Melcher who had once given him that nasty medicine.

The rough old lumberjack looked down at the little boy. "Wa-a-lle, pardner," he said, "I ain't much on sentiment,

as you ought to know by this time, but it just kinder seemed to me that I ought to bring something to Little Wheel-Dust, the golden-haired daughter of my old side-kick who was left with me for dead that night eleven years ago in the old shack in Calgary." So saying, the old miner pulled out of his pocket a tiny torpedo with "I Love You" painted on it. "It's for Little Wheel-Dust," he said simply, and fainted.

Now this was a trying situation for a young lad of Miguel O'Rourke's age, whatever it was. To be left with a torpedo would be bad enough, but to have an old lumberjack lying in the hot sun of the Plaza was unthinkable. And on St. Valentine's Day, too!

LITTLE Miguel sat sorrowfully by the tiny pile of faded flowers which had once been men like himself. "Thanksgiving," he murmured. "I wish I had some cozy home to go to on this day of all days. I wish I had some turkey."

Hardly had he spoken when with a great swish a rug appeared before him on which was seated a little old man in the uniform of a Chief Petty Officer.

"I have just heard your wish, Little Orson," he said.

"Little Miguel," corrected Miguel.

"Little Miguel," said the C. P. O. "My mother's name was Orson," he explained. "Ruth Orson; and every Eastertide I find myself calling people 'Orson.'"

"That's quite all right," said Miguel; "my mother's name was Ruth Orson, too, so I know how it is." And he smiled a crooked little smile.

"I have just heard your wish, Orson," continued the little old man, "your wish that you might have a Thanksgiving turkey, and so I hopped on my rug right away to come and tell you that we haven't got a turkey left in the house. How about a little roast-beef? It's very nice to-day."

"I would love some roast-beef," said

Miguel, "if you will see to it that all the pits are taken out first. I choked on a pit once."

"Before we go," said the C. P. O., "I want you to make sure that you are dressed warmly enough. Remember what day it is, and in all your merry-making don't forget that you are alive and happy to-day because one hundred and fifty years ago now your great-great-grandfather and his brave associates met in Philadelphia and drew up that document which was to establish liberty in America and insure you and me against tyranny from an English king. I think that the least we can do before opening up the bottle is to bow our heads and think very hard for three minutes on the bravery and devotion of Amerigo Vespucci."

And, as they stood with tears streaming down their little faces, suddenly a clash and clang of chimes rang out on the frosty air and the glorious cadence of "*Integer Vita*" filled their very being with its grandeur.

"A Merry Christmas," said the little old man.

"And a Merry Christmas to you, too," said Little Miguel.

Clash—clang! Clash—clang!



"WA-A-LL, PARDNER, I AIN'T MUCH ON SENTIMENT."



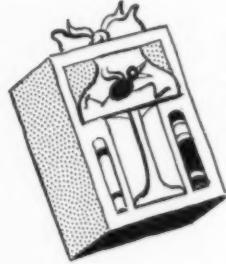
"MY MOTHER'S NAME WAS RUTH ORSON, TOO."



Wife: WELL, THIS KEEPS YOU HOME ONE EVENING OF THE YEAR, ANYWAY.

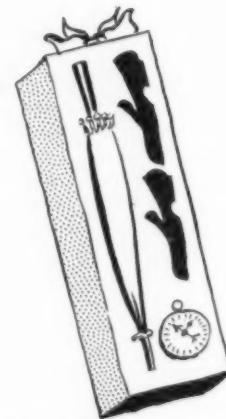


Santa: THIS PIPE-LINE IDEA CERTAINLY SAVES LOTS OF TRIPS BACK TO HEADQUARTERS.



MADE-UP CHRISTMAS BOX NO. 1

Reading Outfit. READING LAMP AND TWO BOOKS.



MADE-UP CHRISTMAS BOX NO. 2

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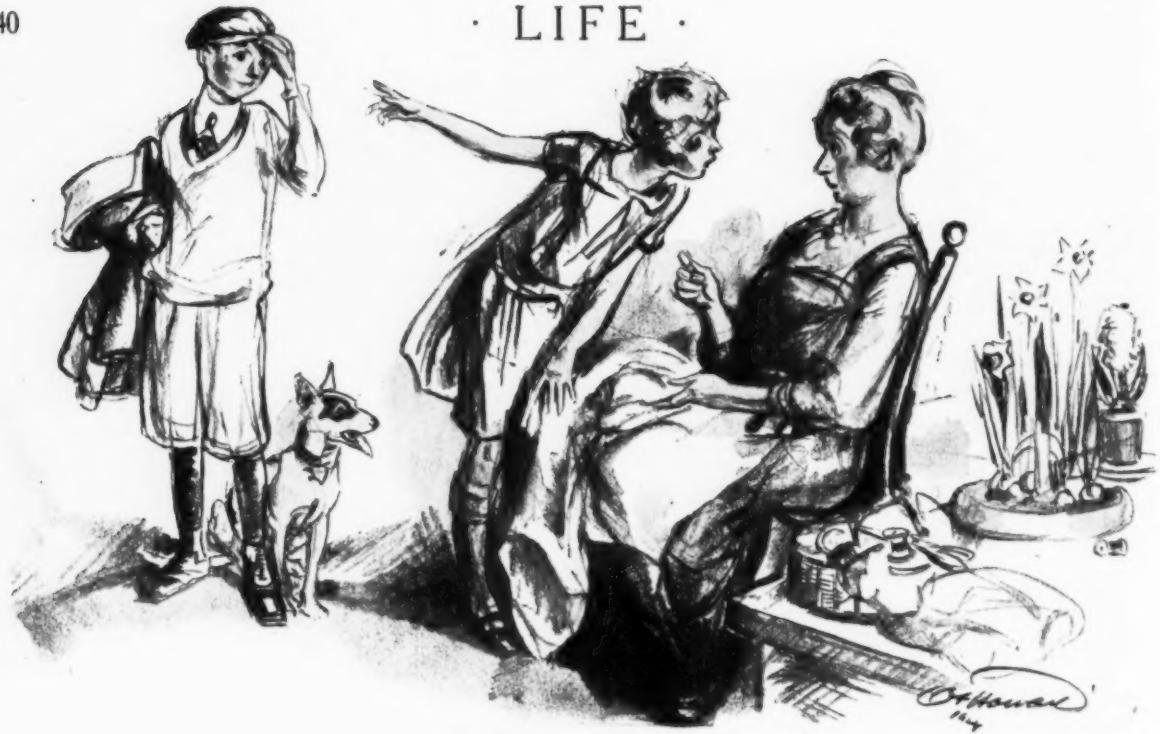
"SEEMS HYPOCRITICAL FOR ME TO BE GIVING AWAY SO MANY SAFETY RAZORS EVERY YEAR"



"NEXT DAY
WHISKERS ARE A NUISANCE ANYWAY"



"GOOD GRACIOUS! I WONDER IF I CAN GROW THEM ALL BACK BY NEXT CHRISTMAS."



THE SINGLE STANDARD

The Sister: MOTHER, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING WITH JOHNNIE? HE'S BORROWED
MY SWEATER AND MY KNICKERS AGAIN.



PRE-ALIMONY

"CHARMING FURNITURE YOU HAVE HERE—ER—WHAT PERIOD IS IT?"
"MY FIRST MARRIAGE."



YOU ARE SO ABSORBED IN THINKING WHAT TO GET ANNABEL FOR CHRISTMAS YOU DON'T NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE GREAT CITY FOR AT LEAST FOUR MINUTES. THE TRAINMAN ASKS HOW LONG SINCE YOU ACQUIRED SOLE RIGHTS TO THIS ROAD.



AGAIN YOU LAPSE INTO YULETIDE COGITATION, AND A PERSON IN HIGH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TELLS YOU HITHERTO UNSUSPECTED FACTS ABOUT YOUR PARENTAGE, ADDING THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY SPEND CHRISTMAS IN THE PARLOR OF A CELEBRATED MORTICIAN.



IT IS CHRISTMAS EVE AND STILL YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF THE THING FOR ANNABEL. YOU ARE GETTING DESPERATE...YOU STAND ON CORNERS THINKING...CHINESE SHAWLS...TOO EXPENSIVE...SHE HAS PERFUME...GOT HER A SHOPPING BAG ON HER BIRTHDAY...SILK SWEATER...HAS THREE...DESK SET...



THEN YOU ARE SUDDENLY JERKED DOWN OUT OF THE CLOUDS ONTO FIFTH AVENUE AGAIN...YOU EXPLAIN THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO THINK OF A PRESENT FOR CHRISTMAS...THE CONSTABLE THREATENS TO PUSE YOUR NOSE BACK INTO YOUR FACE UNLESS YOU MOVE ON, CHRISTMAS OR NO CHRISTMAS.



IT IS NEARLY SIX AND YOU'VE REJECTED FANS, HANDKERCHIEFS, SCARVES, NOTE-PAPER, CIGARETTES, MIRRORS, MANICURE SETS, POLICE PUPPIES, AND...WELL! DAMMIT, YOU'LL GET STOCKINGS! YOU THOUGHT THAT OUT A MONTH AGO, ANYWAY.



JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG

ANNABEL ON CHRISTMAS MORN SAYS THAT STOCKINGS WERE JUST WHAT SHE WANTED...THAT WAS WHY SHE GOT FOUR DOZEN PAIRS A WEEK AGO...AND A TRIFLE BETTER QUALITY.

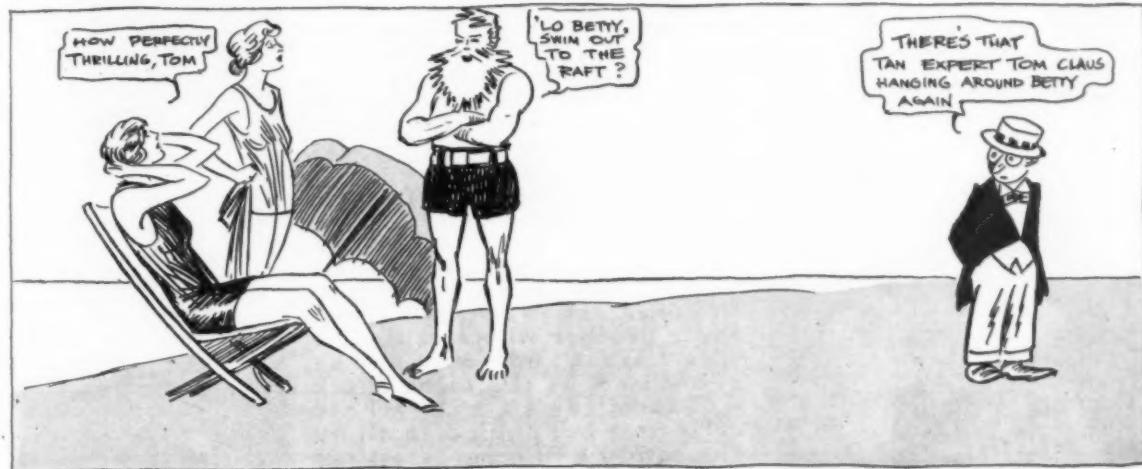
You and Your Christmas Present



*Santa Claus No. 317: IT AIN'T MERELY TH' COIN I'M DOIN' IT FOR, GEORGE—
IT'S TH' PO'TRY O' TH' THING.*



*Grandmother: THAT LIE YOU TOLD AUNT ESTHER MUST BE TROUBLING YOUR CONSCIENCE.
Susie: OH, NO—SHE BELIEVED IT.*

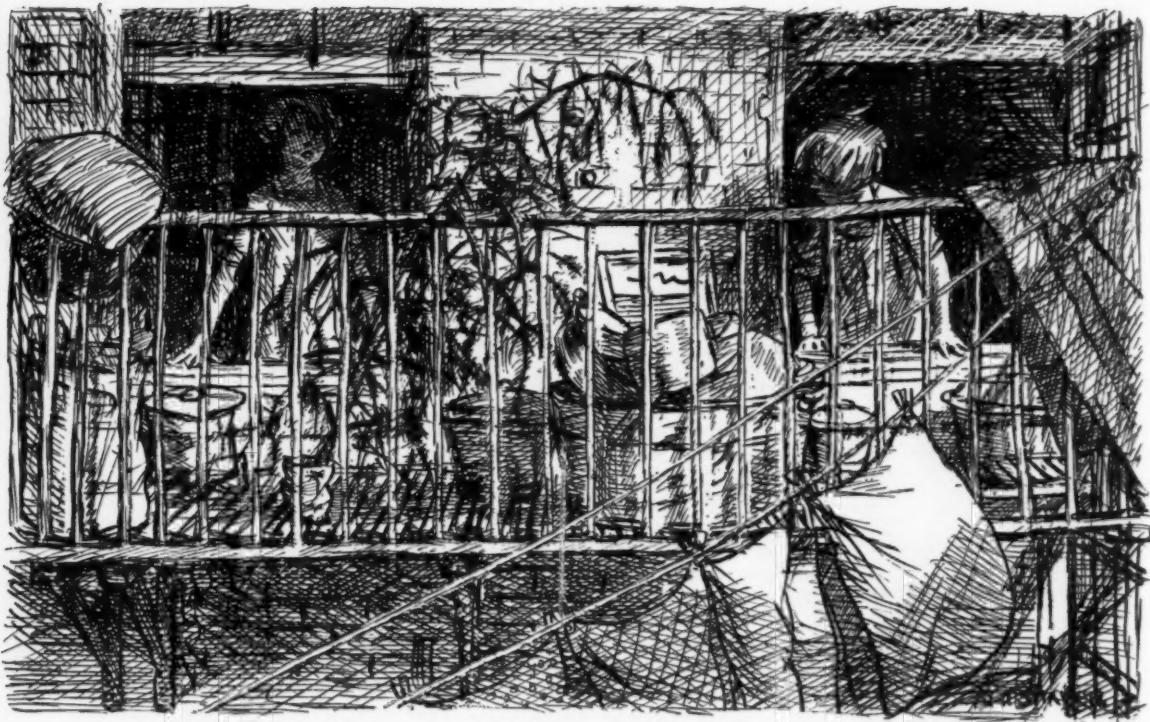


THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN THE COMIC STRIPS





and a mother who entertained pang, doubt and fear concerning a neighbor who'd sent her last year the worst sofa cushion in pink, green and black and now she, all forgetful, had sent the thing back!; and a father who picked at the bedclothes and swore at how every blamed Christmas just seemed to cost more—why, he'd scarcely paid up for last year's Christmas bliss (he had borrowed to swing it) and now here was this! **¶** Oh, the stage was all set for a man whose profession was taking what others had in their possession and so this one thought that perhaps a cat purring was all that he'd meet, but the whole house was stirring! He took a long chance through the handiest door—and stepped upon Towser's long tail on the floor. **¶** Frazzled nerves do their worst when the burglar appears— **¶** He will do no more stirring for seventeen years!



WINTER SPORTS

"SAY, TILLIE, HOW LONG YOU GOIN' T' KEEP THAT CHRISTMAS TREE? DONTCHA KNOW
I WANTS PUT ME EASTER LILY OUT THERE?"



THE NEW MILITARISM

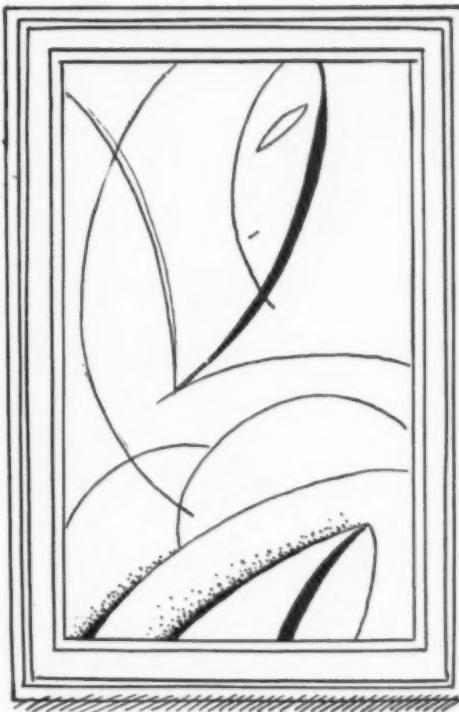
"MOTHER, WILLIE'S CRYING 'CAUSE SANTA CLAUS DIDN'T BRING HIM ANY
POISON GAS WITH HIS SOLDIERS."

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The Picture
By Newman Levy

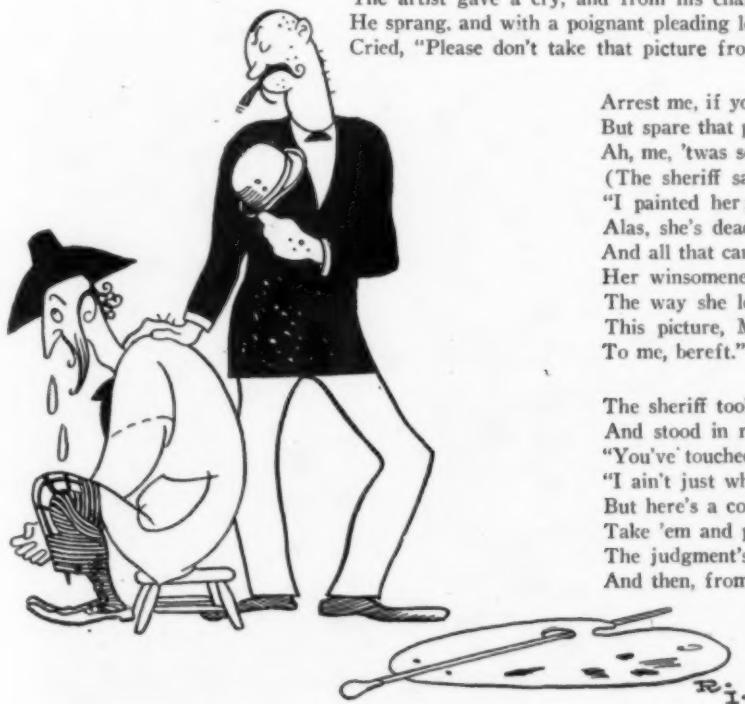
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A CUBIST painter, haggard, gaunt and stark,
 Sat in his wretched garret. On his face
 Dread hunger's trace had placed its tragic mark.
 The room was bare and pitifully dark.
 One chair was there, and that was all;
 But on the wall a dazzling painting hung;
 A splash of vivid green, as though he'd flung
 A can of paint against the canvas screen.
 Between the emerald spots a jagged line
 Of purple ran in weird bizarre design,
 And there a dash of crimson paint, and here
 A yellow smear.

Trembling, broken, faint from lack of food,
 The wretched painter cowered in his chair,
 While facing him with rude offensive stare
 A crude, ill-mannered, red-faced person stood.
 The sheriff; on his coat there gleamed a star,
 And from his mouth there dangled a cigar.
 "Well, bo," he said in accents hoarse and gruff,
 "Of course, this stuff won't hardly bring enough
 To pay the bills you owe for food and rent,
 But still I guess I gotta take your junk.
 That's why I'm sent.
 Perhaps some boob'll pay for that there bunk."
 He pointed to the painting on the wall
 And gave a sneering laugh, as though to say,
 "That stuff's a joke. What is it, anyway?"



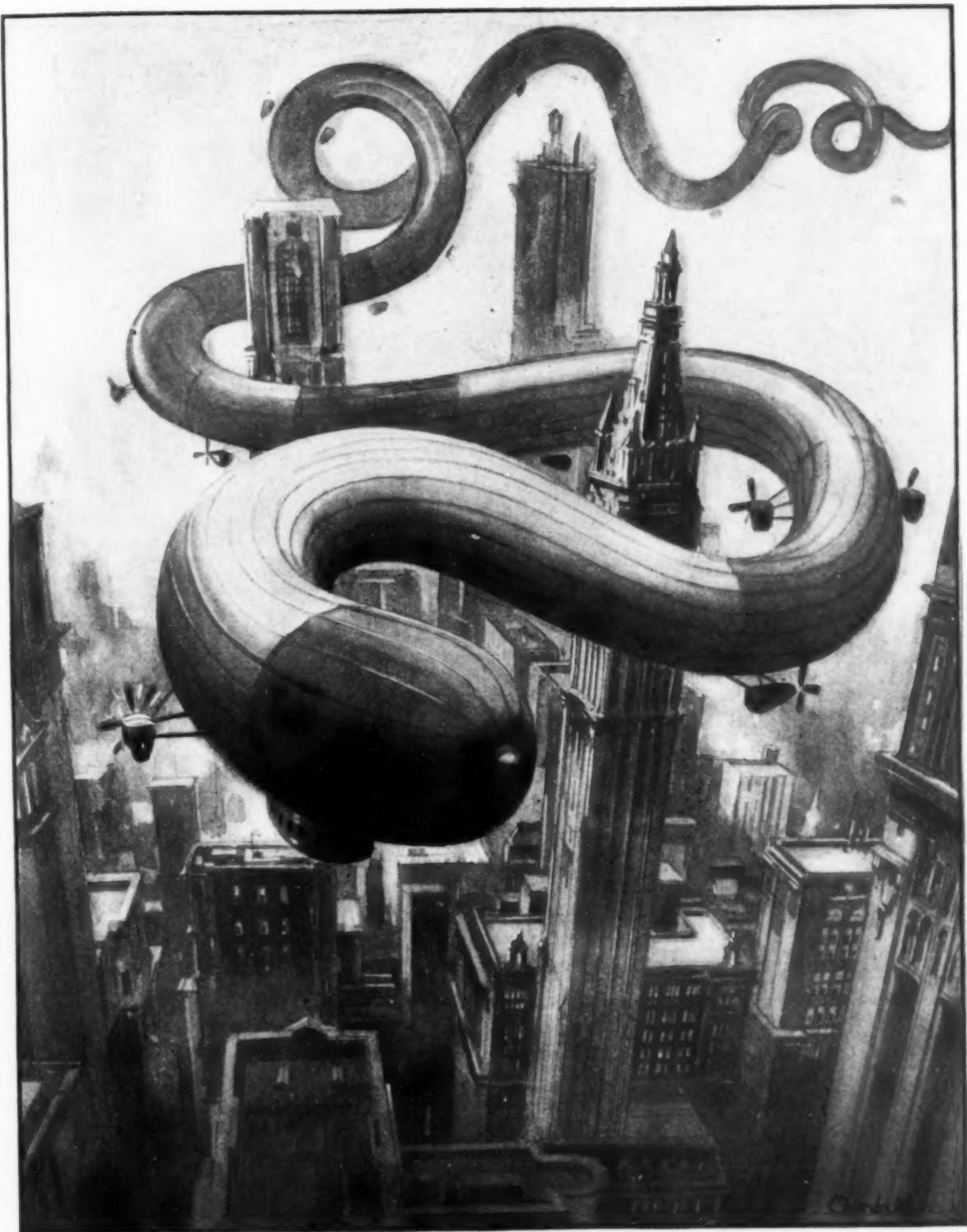
The artist gave a cry, and from his chair
 He sprang, and with a poignant pleading look
 Cried, "Please don't take that picture from its hook!"



Arrest me, if you will, or take my life,
 But spare that portrait of my sainted wife.
 Ah, me, 'twas seven years ago last June
 (The sheriff sadly brushed away a tear.)
 "I painted her; 'twas on our honeymoon.
 Alas, she's dead, and I'm left grieving here,
 And all that can recall her radiant face,
 Her winsomeness, her sweetness, and her grace,
 The way she looked that golden summer's day,—
 This picture, Mr. Sheriff's all that's left
 To me, bereft."

The sheriff took his derby from his head
 And stood in reverent silence. Then he spoke:
 "You've touched this rough old heart, young man," he said.
 "I ain't just what you'd call a millionaire,
 But here's a couple hundred I can spare.
 Take 'em and pay your bills. Don't be afraid.
 The judgment's paid."
 And then, from out the ever-deepening gloom,
 Softly the sheriff tiptoed to the hall,
 While all alone the artist in the room,
 Amid the haunting mem'ries of the room,
 Gazed at the picture hanging on the wall.





THE AIR SERPENT



LIFE CONFIDENTIAL GUIDE

Drama

By Robert Benchley

Conscience. *Belmont*—Pretty wordy, but well done by Lillian Foster.

Dancing Mothers. *Maxine Elliott's*—The regular story of flapper and parent, with a new solution at the end.

Dawn. *Sam H. Harris*—To be reviewed next week.

The Desert Flower. *Longacre*—To be reviewed next week.

Desire Under the Elms. *Greenwich Village*—A new O'Neill play which is partly grand and partly not so grand.

The Fake. *Hudson*—Should one gentleman ever kill another? Anyway, Godfrey Tearle does it.

High Stakes. *Eltinge*—Lowell Sherman in an otherwise fifty-cent show.

The Money Lender. *Gaiety*—To be reviewed later.

My Son. *Nora Bayes*—What they think about down on the Cape.

Parasites. *Thirty-Ninth St.*—To be reviewed later.

The Second Mrs. Tanqueray. *Cort*—Ethel Barrymore making an old play new.

Shipwrecked. *Wallack's*—Rip-snortin' melodrama, with a big burning-ship scene.

Silence. *National*—A smooth-running crook play, with H. B. Warner to give it an even better break.

Simon Called Peter. *Klaw*—A popular novel made into a play which ought to be popular if the public is as undiscriminating as it usually is.

They Knew What They Wanted. *Garrick*—To be reviewed later.

What Price Glory? *Plymouth*—The season's big play.

White Cargo. *Daly's*—A play about the hot sun and a white man.

Comedy and Things Like That

Abie's Irish Rose. *Republic*—And a Merry Christmas to you, Miss Nichols!

The Best People. *Lyceum*—The old stuff.

The Farmer's Wife. *Comedy*—Devonshire love-making which isn't half bad.

The Firebrand. *Morosco*—A hilarious comedy of Benvenuto Cellini's incredible virility. Joseph Schildkraut in the title rôle.

Grounds for Divorce. *Empire*—Ina Claire at her best.

The Guardsman. *Booth*—Delightful playing by Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne.

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Books

By Baird Leonard

Arnold Waterlow. By May Sinclair (*Macmillan*). Wherein the author puts one over on Diogenes. Instead of going about with a lantern, she sat herself down with a pen. The result is a splendid portrait of an honest man.

How to Write Short Stories. By Ring Lardner (*Scribner*). An amusing literary hoax. Not a text book, as the title indicates, but samples of the best there is in American short story writing.

The Green Hat. By Michael Arlen (*Doran*). The glamourous account of a loose and lovely lady, so well done that one writer, upon finishing it, decided to go into the flour and feed business.

The Week-End Book (*The Dial Press*). A sociable anthology of great poems, around-the-piano songs (with music printed), games and recipes for the chafing-dish.

Wings. By Ethel M. Kelley (*Knopf*). A fictional study of a humorless highbrow done against such a vital background that you will probably read it immediately. I did.

The Singing Season. By Isabel Paterson (*Boni & Liveright*). Pure romance of old Spain, and a welcome relief from the Long Island social colony and the younger generation.

First Aid to the Opera-Goer (*Stokes*). A great—and spirited—help in time of trouble.

Balisand. By Joseph Hergesheimer (*Knopf*). The writer at his best in a post-Revolution tale of old Virginia.

The Cross Word Puzzle Book.

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Conversations in Ebury Street. By George Moore (*Boni & Liveright*). The same sort of thing, with the author getting the best of it, as usual.

Three Flights Up. By Sidney Howard (*Scribner*). Four excellent adventures in the long short story.

A Passage to India. By E. M. Forster (*Harcourt, Brace*). A remarkable study of Anglo-Indian life, with the fiction thinly applied.

Mr. and Mrs. Haddock Abroad. By Donald Ogden Stewart (*Doran*). Characteristic (of the author) nonsense of two poor American fish on their travels.

How I Discovered America. By the Marquis Boni de Castellane (*Knopf*). As if the Goulds weren't having enough trouble as it is! Amaz—
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Silent Drama

By R. E. Sherwood

The Thief of Bagdad. (*United Artists*)—Douglas Fairbanks as the hero of an Arabian fairy tale that is rich in beauty and spectacular effect. It is ideal holiday entertainment.

Hot Water. (*Pathé*)—Not the best comedy that Harold Lloyd has done but still funny enough to be worth at least one trip.

The Man Who Came Back. (*Fox*)—A rich young man and his sweetheart travel through a series of melodramatic situations from New York to Shanghai and return. Improbable but entertaining.

Three Women. (*Warner Bros.*)—Perfectly directed and well-acted drama of social villainy.

Feet of Clay. (*Paramount*)—Feeble at the start but tremendously impressive at the finish when Cecil B. De Mille skates across the river Styx and records his impressions of the other side.

In Hollywood with Potash and Perlmutter. (*First National*)—Some very funny reading matter in the subtitles makes this film worth while for those who know how to read.

Captain Blood. (*Vitagraph*)—A fast-moving melodrama of the Spanish Main, with pirate ships, stately galleons and other historic properties.

Manhattan. (*Paramount*)—Blood and thunder in New York's yegg belt, with Richard Dix working both fists overtime.

Monsieur Beaucaire. (*Paramount*)—Rudolph Valentino, some gorgeous costumes, and a very weak solution of Booth Tarkington's great story.

The Navigator. (*Metro-Goldwyn*)—There are several bad spots in this Buster Keaton comedy, but they pass unnoticed in the general laughter.

Merton of the Movies. (*Paramount*)—Glenn Hunter is perfectly at home in this delightful story of the rough road to Hollywood.

The Iron Horse. (*Fox*)—An occasionally thrilling picture of the pioneers who built the first railroad line across the continent. It includes some stirring fights and some terrible comedy.

The Alaskan. (*Paramount*)—A big, gripping drama of big, gripping men in the big, gripping outdoors—nominated for the premium Ham Medal for 1924.





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Speaking of Christmas

"SOMEHOW, it never seems like Christmas without a little snow."

"I simply haven't an idea of what to get for Rosalie, and I just know she's going to send me something."

"No, Christmas isn't what it was when I was a boy."

"Why, I'm not going to send them a thing. They never even asked me to their stupid party."

"Oh, a Christmas card will do for Horace, but what shall I do about those Gildersleeve children?"

"But who's going to know that we bought it at a sale?"

"It's not what it's worth. It's the *spirit*."

"Oh, I'll tell him I didn't know his address."

"Wonder how much I ought to slip the elevator boy."

"Well, it being Christmas, I'll have another glass."

C. G. S.

RUTH: Singing in the Christmas carols this year?
BETH: No, I'm just getting over last year's cold.

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The East Side tenement dweller was paying his first visit to the country and as he strolled along a peaceful road in Westchester his eye met the stately outlines of a magnificent mausoleum in the nearby cemetery.

"Oy," he exclaimed to his friend, indicating the mass of granite and marble. "The rich know how to live!"

—*New York Morning Telegraph.*

Progress

PILOT OF AIRPLANE (to passenger): Did you say Boston or Detroit?

—*American Legion Weekly.*

"WHY don't you get a haircut?"
"Too effeminate."

—*Hamilton Royal Gaboon.*

DOMESTIC servants are to broadcast soon. Travel talks are always popular.

—*London Opinion.*

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"KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE IN YER 'EAD, MRS. GREEN; POLITENESS DON'T COST NOTHING."
"NO, NOR DOES RUDENESS, MRS. JONES, AND YER GETS MORE CHANGE OUT OF IT."

—*Belcher, in The Tatler (London).*

Japanese Schoolboy Howlers

Q. What do you light a cigarette with?
A. (1) Yes, I like it very much. (2) With hand.

Q. What is the last letter of the English alphabet?

A. Yours truly.

Q. Why do we use mosquito nets?

A. (1) To catch a bird. (2) It is used to protect the mosquito.

Q. What is an alarm-clock?

A. (1) Arm clock is tied by the arm. (2) If you put it at 6.50 to berst, it will be berst.

Q. What metre is Tennyson's "Ulysses" written in?

A. (1) In diameter. (2) Thermometer. (3) It is written in meterphor.

—*T. P.'s Weekly (London).*

Altruism

Here's one you may have heard. Bill gets a cablegram from his friend Jack in Monte Carlo reading:

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—*New York Herald Tribune.*

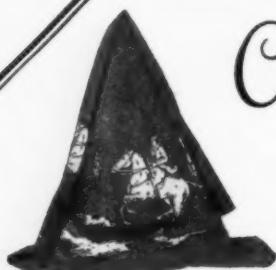
SERVANT: Rome is burning!

NERO: Then my wife must be cooking it.—*Penn State Froth.*

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"Yesh, thanks," came the unexpected, jovial retort, "and the Benedictine ash well, ole cock."

—*Sporting and Dramatic News.*

A Small World, After All

The professor was illustrating to his class the remarkable smallness of the world. "Gentlemen," he said, "let me tell you of my own experience. While in Paris last summer I met a man from my home town. I met him again in Venice, still again in Alexandria, and this year, while visiting the Yellowstone, I encountered him for the fourth time."

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—*Stanford Chaparral.*

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"Tha's all right," consoled his friend. "Neither can I!"—*Buffalo Express.*

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—*Charleston News and Courier.*

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"You couldn't let me have five dollars till next week, could you?"

"No; and I can't promise to do it then."—*Boston Transcript.*

ABIE: Mama, vat do cows live on?
MAMA: Fodder, Abie.

ABIE: Oi, I didn't think Papa vas so generous!—*Williams Purple Cow.*

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Canes
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Cigarette and Cigar Holders
Cowhide Golf Bags
Cunliffe Shooting Seats
Dancing Pumps
Derby Hats
Flannel Waistcoats
Fur and Fur-lined Gloves
Hunting Knives
Interlocking Military Brushes in Mole Case
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Leather Puttees and Leggings
Leather Waistcoats
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Pipe Racks
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Saddle Sandwich Cases
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"What do you think of this one?" you suggest.

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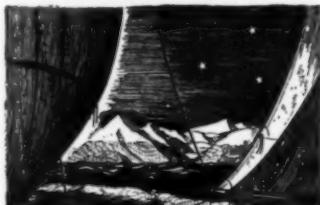
"Well, what's the matter with it?"

"It's all right," he says. "You can make as big an idiot of yourself with that as with any other," he implies.

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The evergreens were dipped in dye.

Our holly in no wood did grow.

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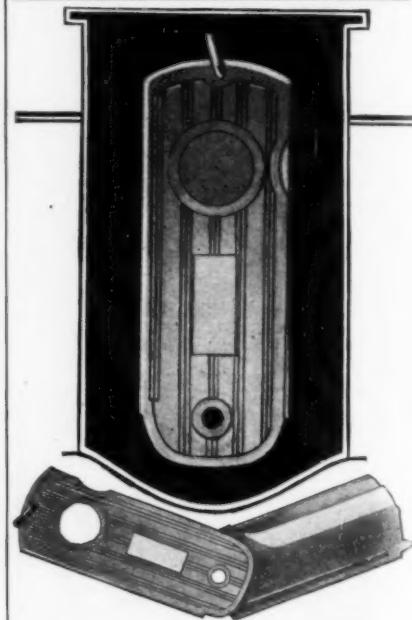
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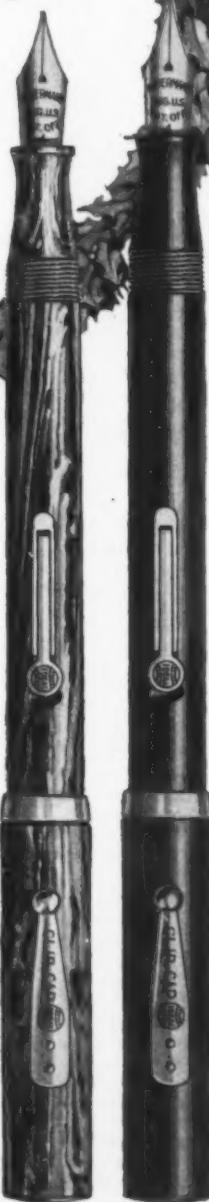
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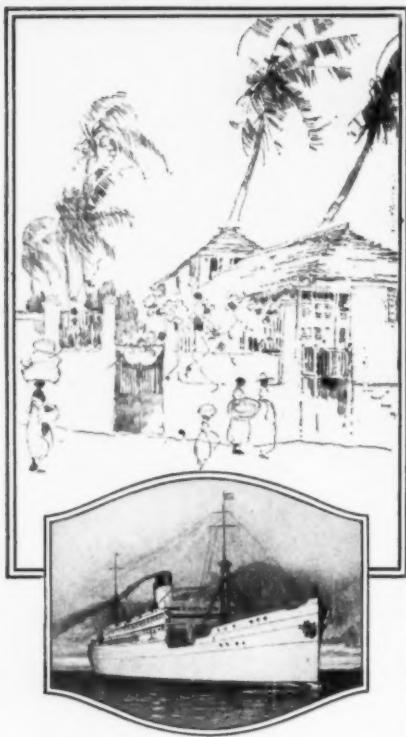
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"Not after we got to Bethlehem. All but the masters stayed on the edge of the town. They went in and called on some people and then the next day we started back. The star had gone."

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By a Freudian

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In this brief paper, it is possible to allude only to some of the more fixed psychopathological effects. For instance, a man of fifty will suddenly rig himself up in false whiskers and a ridiculous costume of red flannel and white fur. Groups of otherwise staid and respectable people will travel long distances into forests merely for the sake of felling an innocent tree, and will then proceed to drag it home, where it will die a lingering death and scatter needles over the house. So great is the frenzy induced by this singular obsession that many have been known to fill the tree with lighted candles, afterwards actually burning down their houses amid wild shrieks. Other groups, during the later part of December, will light their individual candles or torches, stand in front of schoolhouses after dark singing what they term carols until they are as hoarse as frogs, and then go home and die of pneumonia.

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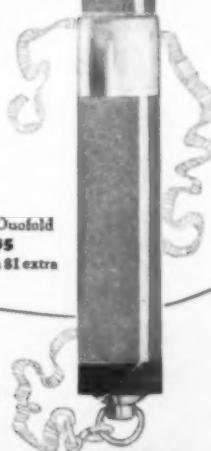
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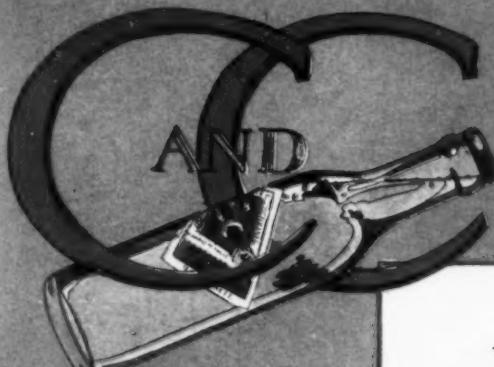
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